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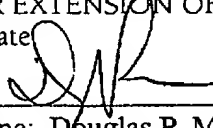
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official action mailed May 3, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Applicant elects Group II (claims 16 to 20, 23 and 24) in response to the Restriction Requirement of May 3, 2004, without traverse, and make the following amendments.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.